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# S. RES. 698

Designating October 17, 2008, as “National Mammography Day”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BAYH)) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating October 17, 2008, as “National Mammography Day”.

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, in 2008, 182,460 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and 40,480 women will die from that disease;

Whereas it is estimated that about 2,000,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer in the 1990s, and that in nearly 500,000 of those cases the cancer resulted in death;

Whereas approximately 3,000,000 women in the United States are living with breast cancer, about 2,300,000 have been diagnosed with the disease, and an estimated 1,000,000 do not yet know they have the disease;

Whereas African-American women suffer a 36 percent greater mortality rate from breast cancer than White women and more than a 100 percent greater mortality rate from breast cancer than women from Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian populations;

Whereas the risk of breast cancer increases with age, with a woman at age 70 having twice as much of a chance of developing the disease as a woman at age 50;

Whereas at least 90 percent of the women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease;

Whereas mammograms, when operated professionally at a certified facility, can provide safe screening and early detection of breast cancer in many women;

Whereas mammography is an excellent method for early detection of localized breast cancer, which has a 5-year survival rate of 98 percent;

Whereas the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society continue to recommend periodic mammograms; and

Whereas the National Breast Cancer Coalition recommends that each woman and her health care provider make an individual decision about mammography: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates October 17, 2008, as “National

3       Mammography Day”; and

- 1           (2) encourages the people of the United States
- 2           to observe the day with appropriate programs and
- 3           activities.

